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THE CONSTITUTION, OUR CHARTER OF LIBERTY

Gerald B. Winrod, D.D.

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ENEMIES ARE AT WORK in the United States. They hate the American system of government.

They are taking orders from abroad. They are creating unrest. They are fomenting hatreds.

They want to replace our form of government with some outworn system resurrected from the past. They call it "planned economy."

In reality they want to put the American people in a strait jacket. They want to regulate every detail of your personal life.

They want to dominate your thinking. They want to deny you the right of worship. They want to take from you those freedoms which make life worth living.

They want to abolish our written Constitution and substitute personal rule by arbitrary decree. They want government by men instead of government by law.

In the city of Moscow there is a strange university. It has for many years conducted courses in several different languages. Students go there from all parts of the world. The name of this institution is Lenin University.

Every student must be a member of the international Communist party. Thousands have attended from the United States.

Other schools educate their students to become better citizens. Lenin University trains youth to help wreck their respective countries.

The courses taught at Lenin University reduce revolution to a science. They warp the mind of the student in such a way as to render him unfit to live in organized society. He becomes an enemy of God, an enemy of Christianity and an enemy of orderly government.

The Communist party of the United States has for years kept a steady stream of recruits going and coming between here and Moscow.

These people, trained in the technique of revolution, are today heading the various left-wing movements on American soil — for the purpose of undermining our Christian institutions and Constitutional form of government.

They often work from behind strange fronts. They appear in unexpected places. They use deceptive labels to hide their criminal activities.

They know how to camouflage their schemes. They constantly appropriate the name democracy. They even call themselves "friends of democracy." But their definition of democracy is different from yours.

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The Constitution

They are determined to destroy liberty. The Constitution stands in their way. They are therefore trying to circumvent or liquidate the immortal document.

It has been estimated that 40-billion people have lived on this earth since the birth of Christ.

Not more than three per cent of this number have enjoyed systems of government guaranteeing them human liberty and personal rights. Not more than three per cent could call their souls their own. Not more than three per cent could be regarded as free men.

And this small minority have resided in the United States since the year 1789, when the Constitution was adopted. Liberty exists only where the principles of Christianity are accepted and applied. Christianity is the soul of democratic government.

Liberty originates in the moral law. It is not of human origin. Liberty is of divine origin. It is rooted in the Word of God, the Christian religion and the conscience of man. It belongs to the realm of morality.

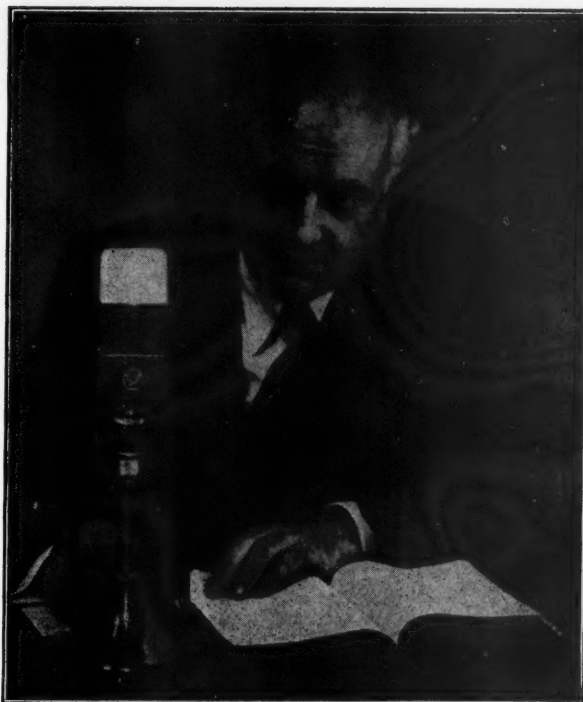
John Adams said: "Liberty is a moral right derived from the Legislator of the universe."

Abraham Lincoln said: "Liberty is right because Christ said so and Christ is God."

The men who wrote the Constitution knew that they had found, in the teachings of Jesus Christ, the only safe foundation — the absolute, eternal, moral principles upon which good government could be established.

Today these ideals of the founding fathers are being challenged. It is difficult to maintain a temperate attitude toward people who deliberately lend themselves to the support of atheistic doctrines that will destroy human liberty in this part of the world, if not held in check.

As a minister of the gospel, I am disturbed over the large number of pro-



The above photograph was taken of Dr. Winrod at approximately the same time the accompanying broadcast was presented.

fessing Christian people who have, in recent years, permitted themselves to be duped by false propaganda originating with Communist sources.

Red Preachers

Time and again in my travels, I have encountered pastors of commanding pulpits fraternizing and cooperating with those who hate Christ, hate the church and hate democratic government.

I cannot understand what such men are thinking about! Should the Communist plot come to fruition in this part of the world, their churches would be confiscated. And they themselves would have to go the rest of the way and become outright atheists or face the firing squad.

I say it deliberately . . . we have too many red preachers desecrating pulpits in the United States.

Where members of the clergy apos-

tatize, Bible-believing laymen have a special responsibility. It is up to them — the laymen, to preserve the true Gospel testimony in their Churches.

We all recall the history of those critical years when the American Republic was being developed. The people who had preferred a wilderness in the new world to the rule of tyrants in the old world, were living in small groups called colonies, dotted along the Atlantic seaboard.

They wanted freedom to worship as they pleased. They wanted to live on a higher level than dumb brutes. They resented autocratic governments that made slaves of their subjects. They rejected the theory of the divine right of kings. They wanted a voice in the government themselves.

During the eighteenth century, punishment for alleged crimes against the all-powerful governments was atrociously severe in all the countries of Europe. Governments were heartless.

There was no trial by jury. The accusation of a king, or a government official, was sufficient to put a man to death. Many modes of torture were invented. The citizen was a slave of the state.

Then there was a tea party in Boston. The patriots were concerned with something far more serious than paying taxes on tea. They were determined to limit the powers of government.

A new idea was born. A new contribution was made to the science of government. Henceforth in the new world the citizen would be the master, not the serf of the government.

Thomas Jefferson later stated the principle correctly when he said the government that governs least governs best.

Constitutional Convention

A convention was called in Philadelphia. The purpose was to write a Con-

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stitution to become the basis of orderly government in the new world.

Sixty-eight delegates were chosen by the thirteen colonies. Some refused to attend. There was a conflict of ideas among the colonies. Hatreds had been transplanted from the other side of the ocean.

When the document was finally produced, only thirty-nine of the delegates were willing to fix their signatures. But the colonies later voted approval.

It has since proved to be the greatest charter for human liberty ever devised by man. It has proved to be rigid enough and flexible enough to maintain order, safeguard liberty and bring greater blessing and prosperity to the American people than any other nation in the world has ever enjoyed.

Ten amendments called the Bill of Rights were added a short time later. For the first time on this planet, a whole nation was granted freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom of assembly, right of petition, trial by jury, sanctity of property, privacy of home, and protection against unlawful seizures by the government.

What more could a man ask!

A nation of free men was established. Men who could manage their lives as they wished. This is the opposite of the so-called "planned economy" ... that tells the man he cannot worship, he cannot choose his job, he cannot own private property, and that even his children are property of the state.

Another important provision of the Constitution was that no other person, or even the government itself, could take from a man the fruit of his labors. This gave the individual citizen an incentive toward honest labor and constructive toil.

Compare this with the countries dominated by Communist governments — where the state takes everything the citizen produces and hands him back whatever the bureaucrats wish him to receive.

The fifth article of the Bill of Rights

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I repeat what I said a few minutes ago — that human liberty is rooted in the moral law.

Unlimited Opportunity

Thus the Constitution removed governmental restrictions and opened the way to unlimited opportunity.

More than 45-million Americans now carry life insurance policies. Over 50-million have personal savings accounts. More than 15-million families own their homes and farms.

We have witnessed greater progress in every field — transportation, communication, education, manufacturing and invention, than could have otherwise been the case.

Free enterprise. Individualism. Human liberty. Thanks to the Constitution of the United States!

A system of government that has made all this possible, giving this part of the world the highest living standards ever known, opening the way for progress surpassing anything previously dreamed or imagined, granting more liberty to her people than any other nation — such a system is worth saving. It must be saved.

Henry Clay once said: "The Consti-

tution of the United States was not merely for the generation that then existed, but for posterity, unlimited, undefined, endless, perpetual posterity."

George Washington presided at the sessions in Philadelphia when the Constitution was being drafted. On the back of his chair there was a painting of the sun just appearing above the horizon.

There were many weeks of discussion and debate. Sometimes it looked like the convention might break up and the effort result in failure.

But finally the immortal document was finished and made ready for the signatures. It was then that the venerable Benjamin Franklin, in his eighty-third year, said these words:

"I have looked at that painting again and again. I have wondered whether it was the rising or a setting sun. But now I know it is a rising sun."

Friends of the Defender Hour, it is a fact that foes of our Constitution — the Communists, subversionists and other enemies within our gates, have made progress in the United States.

They are trying now to destroy everything near and dear to the hearts of true Americans. It seems to me that a nation-wide educational program, emphasizing the advantages of free government, needs to be inaugurated. The American people need to be educated all over again, as to the sources of the advantages which they enjoy.

This is Gerald B. Winrod, speaking to you through the facilities of the Defender Hour ... saying that America needs more of Christ and less of Communism.

Prayer and the Constitution

America was once a people of Bible readers. The Pilgrim fathers, who loved religious liberty, dedicated our nation to God.

This country was born in prayer. George Washington was a man of prayer. At the close of the Revolutionary War, representatives from the thirteen colonies were having much difficulty in framing the Constitution when one day Benjamin Franklin, then an old man, arose from his chair and, addressing the President, said:

"Mr. President, how does it come that not once have we called upon the Father of Lights to illuminate our minds? We have met here day after day, and not once have we prayed.

"In the beginning it was not so. We

prayed and asked God to protect us from the foe at the very beginning of our trouble with England, and, Sir, God answered our prayers.

"I have lived to be an old man, and the longer I live the more convincing I see the proof that God controls the destiny of men and nations; and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His consent, is it possible that a nation could rise without His help?"

His speech went home, and the President and the whole assembly fell to their knees in prayer and, within a few days the Constitution came forth, one of the greatest achievements of all history.

So our Constitution is the product of Holy Spirit prayer.

—Dr. C. O. Benham
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From Our Readers

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When Brother Winrod passed away I felt sure I would let my subscription expire. But you people have done such a good job with *The Defender* that I want to continue.

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To the Editor:

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Essex, Missouri

Reads Every Page

To the Editor:

How I do like *The Defender*, read every page of it, and then pass it on. There is so much good in it that we do not find in any other magazine. I pray for God's blessing to be with you continually.

L.B.
Oakland, Calif.

"I Like Its Courage"

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed reading *The Defender* for many years. I like its courage to speak out on matters, regardless of where the chips may fall. I'm glad it is still one of the best Christian magazines.

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To the Editor:

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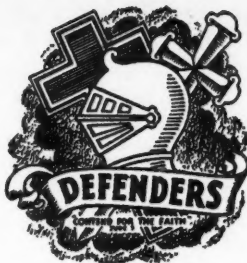
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An Aged Friend Writes

To the Editor:

I am nearly 89 years old. I have outlived all my people, and am alone in world, but not alone ... for I have Christ and many good friends. You are carrying on a wonderful work. I enclose a dollar which you may apply to my subscription to *The Defender*.

E.M.W.
Red Bluff, Calif.



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Scanning the Headlines

"The Defender Views the News"

They Finally Admitted It!

The government's top cancer expert stated on May 18th of this year that it generally is accepted scientifically that cigarette smoking is a cause of lung cancer.

Assistant Surgeon General John R. Heller, director of the National Cancer Institute, advised heavy smokers to give up cigarettes. If they could not quit entirely, he said they should cut down on smoking as much as possible.

"I think that most of the scientific data show that excessive use of cigarettes gives one a greater risk of acquiring lung cancer," Heller said in a copyrighted interview in a nationwide weekly publication.

He agreed with a questioner that it is "pretty well accepted now scientifically" that smoking is a cause of cancer. He also said lung cancer is increasing.

"Most of the men who have lung cancer are those who are heavy cigarette smokers," Heller stated. He advised all persons over 45, especially heavy smokers, to have a physical examination and a chest X-ray at least every six months.

The tobacco industry contends that no direct connection has been shown between smoking and lung cancer. A government report said recently that there was at least a statistical link between cigarette smoking and cancer.

One Thousand Red Spies

"Reds Train Picked Group To Become Spies in U.S." is the headline of a story in the New York *Herald Tribune* dated Stockholm, Sweden.

This story presents a picture that every American should consider in view of the exchanges that are now being arranged for students of the Soviet Union and American colleges. The story reads:

"The Russians are training more than 1,000 students for spying in America at a place in the Ukraine which has been made into an exact copy of an American small town, a Swedish Army journal said today.

"The journal — called 'Contact With the Army,' said the students at the spy center, situated at Vinnitsa, live the life of an average American student. They have their meals at snack bars or restaurants which provide only American-style food. The motion picture theaters show only Hollywood movies and the stores sell only American-made articles. The students drive American automobiles according to American traffic rules. They study the history of the United States with original American school books and talk about baseball and the latest scandals in the United States.

"The first stage of the training is devoted entirely to study of American dialects, which they must be able to speak perfectly. 'The pupils in this spy school are hand-picked from the best students in Soviet universities,' the report said.

'Western intelligence services estimate the number of students at Vinnitsa at between 1,000 and 1,300.'

"The training goes on for years, 'in some cases even ten years,' and, the report added, 'when these agents go to the United States — either in a legal way, as diplomats, or in other ways — they are ready at once to fulfil their mission.'"

— *Christian Beacon*

The Hole In The Dike

All pastors and lay delegates of the Annual State Conference (South Carolina) of the Methodist Church recently received a letter, written on the stationery of the Marion First Methodist Church, over the signature of James C. Hooks, Jr., Secretary, Quarterly Conference. The letter offers a resolution of withdrawal from the National Council of Churches.

Three basic reasons were given, in which the State organization charged: (1) that the National Council has permitted its "political purposes" to surmount its "spiritual functions;" (2) that the Council has, in effect, embraced an Established State Religion by urging the President and the Congress to accomplish "orderly and speedy integration of schools throughout the United States;" and (3) that the Council has gone far afield into international politics by passing a resolution that "steps should be taken" to recognize Red China and admit Red China to the United Nations.

This revolt by a Southern group is most interesting but is definitely not the first shot fired against the National Council. An organization known as Circuit Riders, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio has furiously dissented from the Council's position on Red China while Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald*, has chided the National Council for uttering "not one word against the continued pogroms of Red China" and a good deal else.

All of these rumblings are significant. They point to a growing rebellion by thinking persons against the program of the National Council (see "Is There Subversion In The Church?" page eight, this *Defender*).

Inflation's Increasing Appetite

The *Chicago Tribune* reported a few days ago that, beginning in June, the wages of union bricklayers in the windy city will be advanced to \$4.07½ an hour. This news outlet, reporting in their famous "100 Years Ago" column for the same day, quoted from the *Tribune* of April 15, 1859:

"Laborers now are paid from 77 to 85 cents a day in all ordinary businesses. The city is paying street paving hands \$1.00 a day but employs them in two gangs, each working one week and off duty the next. Mechanics are paid from \$1.00 to \$1.25 a day and, in exceptional cases, \$1.50 a day. Masons and bricklayers are paid a trifle more. Today, \$9.00 a week will buy more of the necessities of life than in 1857."

A skilled craftsman earned \$9.00 a week in the good old days by working six full days of at least ten hours. Compare things as they are today with that golden age and it is impossible to escape the conclusion that life in 1959, at \$4.07½ an hour is mighty rugged.

In this pre-election year, thanks to skyrocketed taxes and inflation, the head of a household with two children who made \$3,000 in 1939 must get \$7,035 in 1959 to realize the same purchasing power, according to a recent survey by the National Industrial Conference.

Twenty years ago the \$3,000 man would have paid \$30.00 in social security and income taxes, leaving him \$2,970 for clothes, food, housing, etc. Today, with an annual income of

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\$7,035, he would pay \$846 in social security and income taxes.

To maintain his 1939 standard of living he'd need every one of the remaining \$6,189 — the \$2,970 he had in 1939, plus the remaining \$3,219 to cover inflation since 1939.

Other comparative salaries worked out by researchers of the non-profit board were:

A \$5,000 salary in 1939 gave \$4,941 in buying power after \$59.00 in social security and income taxes. Today, to get equivalent buying power, he'd need \$12,113, including the original \$4,941, \$1,816 for taxes, and \$5,356 for inflation.

The \$10,000 man in 1939 paid \$269 in taxes and had remaining \$9,731. Today he'd need \$25,674 — the original \$9,731, \$5,395 for taxes and \$10,548 for inflation.

The man who made \$25,000 in 1939 paid \$1,727 taxes and could spend \$23,273 elsewhere. Today he'd need \$76,860 to be in the same happy position — \$28,359 (more than his total 1939 income) for taxes, \$25,228 for inflation and, of course, the original \$23,273. And they call this progress!

Our New American Flag

Neither the designers of the flag of the young United States of America nor the Continental Congress which ordained it in 1777 foresaw the ultimate significance of the fields of stars in the canton of blue.

The circle of 13 stars, complementing the 13 stripes of the flag, made an ideal arrangement of symbols signifying the union of the 13 colonies which had become 13 members of the new United States.

Perhaps it was little considered in 1797 that there might be more states in the Union, let alone more stars in the flag.

The new nation reached from Maine (then a province of Massachusetts) to the southern border of Georgia. The western lands, extending to the remote Mississippi River, were all claimed by existing states. Vermont, not yet a state, was viewing itself as an independent republic or, by some, as a separate British province, while New York also laid claim to it.

Ten years later, when the Northwest Territory was being set up by Congress, Thomas Jefferson proposed its division into 10 territories which might eventually seek statehood (if any of them ever attained 20-thousand inhabitants)! These territories, he proposed, were to have such horrendous names as Pelisipia, Chersonesus and Assenisipia, although one was to be called Washington.

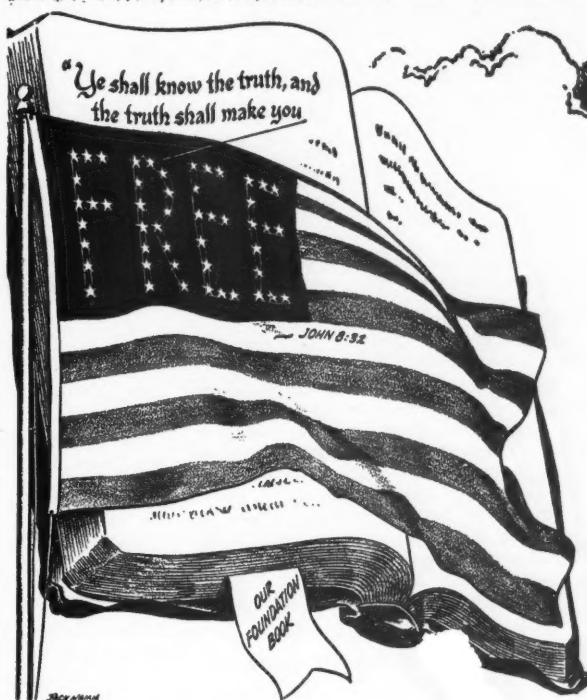
It was not until 1791 that the number of states was increased to 14 with the addition of Vermont, followed a year later by Kentucky. Then someone got the idea of adding two stars and two stripes to the flag.

It was this 15-star, 15-stripe flag which was carried into the War of 1812 and about which Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner." That flag was really out of date, for by 1812 there were 17 states, Tennessee having been added in 1796 and Ohio in 1803.

Ohio never went through the thrill of seeing a star added to the flag just for it. It was not until 1818, when there were 20 states (new comers being Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi) that Congress reduced the number of stripes to the original 13 and brought the stars up to date — four horizontal rows of five stars each.

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The Living Scriptures — by Jack Hamm Written In The Stars



By the time of the Mexican War (1846), there were 29 stars in the flag; by the eve of the Civil War 33. Admission of Kansas in 1861 made it 34 and West Virginia in 1863 raised it to 35.

And thus, one by one, the number grew until 1912 when New Mexico and Arizona were added to make the constellation 48. For the past 47 years, the flag has displayed its stars in six rows of eight stars each.

The addition of Alaska to the Union raised the number of stars to 49, beginning on July 4th of this year. President Eisenhower, acting on the recommendations of an advisory committee, announced the design of the new flag. The stars are to be in seven rows of seven stars each, the rows staggered for better spacing.

The first, third, fifth and seventh rows start at the outside edge of the blue field. The second, fourth and sixth rows are slightly indented at the outer edge and protrude for an equally slight distance toward the inside edge of the field. An eighth star will soon be added for the new state of Hawaii, perhaps to the middle row, for symmetry. This is not the first time the stars in the flag have been in uneven rows. There were staggered rows on several occasions prior to 1912.

As the newest flag ripples in the breeze, it will be scarcely discernible that the design has been changed, but Alaskans (and Hawaiians later on) and all of us, will know that it carries a star for every state, projecting the original flag far beyond the dreams of its designers, yet preserving the meaning and the beauty of Old Glory — a banner of union extending from the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the mid-Pacific. — Adapted from a Columbus (Ohio) State Journal editorial.

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A Crusader Asks ...

IS THERE SUBVERSION IN THE CHURCH?

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THE GREAT KING DAVID long ago complained about his enemies, saying, "They devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land." (Psalm 35:20)

Paul warns against false teachers, telling the Corinthian Christians (II Corinthians 11:13-15):

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness."

The enemy of our souls is burrowing deeper and deeper into every department of our lives. Our minds are being captured and our thoughts diverted from the faith of God. The subtle attacks upon home, school and church should arouse us to action before it is too late.

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Recently one professor in a tax-supported school instructed his class to compare Socrates with another outstanding figure, and one of the students selected Jesus Christ as a subject. At the bottom of the student's paper the professor wrote:

"Have you ever stopped to consider that possibly Jesus was a masochist (one who receives pleasure from being abused by others) who so provoked his contemporaries that they almost justly nailed him to a cross?"

"Perhaps it is time for man to stand up on his own two feet, though they are feet of clay, in order to solve a few of his major problems rather than falling on his knees.

"Philosophically speaking, to compare Jesus with Socrates is an insult to Socrates. Nietzsche may have been quite right when he said that God was dead, that the last Christian died on the cross. Personally speaking, I hope so."

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Our State Department was opposing it, and yet these supposed leaders of Protestant world ideals went right off the deep end and tried to commit Protestant Christians to approval of one of the bloodiest regimes the world has known.

There was an uproar among church people over this attempt to betray Christian attitudes to the world. The plot was thickened when a bishop of the Washington area of one of the larger Protestant denominations advocated that Russians visit the United States "by tens of thousands."

"Let us try the handclasp instead of the fingerprint," he told an afternoon session of the world order parley of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.

This man is hopelessly naive. Surely he knows that Russia would not send impartial tourists to visit us. They would send disciplined spies, saboteurs and subversives, as they have done on many occasions.

This bishop should look at his Bible

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and hear Almighty God speak. Some of these softy, hair-brained leaders are saying, "Don't you know that Jesus said 'Love your enemies, do good to them that despitefully use you and persecute you?'"

Yes, I do, but remember Jesus made loving your enemy a personal matter. He taught that a Christian may be wronged, slandered — yes, even persecuted — and not retaliate. If possible, he must do good to his enemy and pray for him.

Bloody Hands

But Jesus had more sense than some bishops. He never asked His followers to extend a friendly hand to those whose hands were dripping with the blood of men, women and children — yes, with the blood of a million Christians.

Jesus didn't tell His disciples to go to bloody Herod and say everything was all right, nor to Pilate, the coward who dared not stand up to the murderous leaders of the Lord's people.

Jesus didn't say, "Go tell the Pharisees I think they are all lovely people." Jesus had good sense.

The January *Reader's Digest* told of the Chinese totalitarian program and their hate-America philosophy.

It could not be that the Council clergymen were ignorant of present conditions in China. They must have known that the Red killer-bosses are forcing most of the Chinese population into a series of barnyard-like organizations called communes.

No families are allowed to exist. The people get up at 5:00 A.M. and work until 6:00 P.M. For this they are given three simple meals daily, a cotton uniform, shoes, towel and soap. They have a day off every second week.

Do our liberal clergy call this brotherhood? Jesus had a different conception. He said, "One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

Russian Communism is the antithesis of Christianity. The gospel promises to make believers into true children of God.

Misguided Religious Highbrows

These misguided religious highbrows are always spouting about the "dignity of man." Does it dignify men made in God's image to turn 650-million humans into brutalized automatons?

One of the Chinese leaders told a reporter, "What do we care about a nuclear bomb? Kill 300-million of us and there still will be 350-million left."

Well, thank God, the Christian church

July 1959

Is This YOUR Chapel?



Pictured above is a small group of believers, banded together for worship purposes. They live in abject poverty. Their plight is unbelievably sad. The suffering of these precious souls, for whom Christ died, cannot be exaggerated.

Only in the light of the Gospel do they find hope, cheer and real purpose in life. There are many instances where the establishment of a single worship center (which the Defenders organization refers to as "Chapels") has brought about a complete moral, spiritual and economic regeneration of communities thus favored.

For the most part, Defender Chapels have been erected by native Christians, where services are held almost daily in Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador. The average overhead expense of operating a Chapel is \$20.00 per month. This sum must be sent to the field from Wichita Headquarters in order to keep such worship centers operating under trained leadership.

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members are not taking this arrogance without stern protest, a protest that should do away with a lot of these leaders who do not represent their claimed constituency.

When pressure got hot the Council's administration sort of disowned the statement, saying that the group had "spoken with a mighty voice," but that it had "spoken only for itself."

It has been definitely shown that this group of National Council men were not speaking for the great majority of Protestant churches.

A poll of 8,500 Protestant clergymen was taken and it was disclosed that an 8-to-1 majority was against American recognition of Red China and its admission to the United Nations.

"The results flatly contradicted reports of the presumed sentiments of American Protestant ministers based upon a resolution adopted last November by a 'World Order Study Conference' sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.," said a press report.

Not Protestant Beliefs

Now, my dear Protestant friends, aren't you tired of reading in newspapers, magazines and church publications the claims of these self-important folk who are constantly applauding communistic philosophies and claiming that they represent the Protestant people?

Eighty-seven per cent of the Protestant ministers polled were against the proposal of the Council to recognize Red China.

The Council would not dare to submit the proposition to the whole body of Protestant people. They'd be overwhelmed by the results! Not one in a thousand would have agreed.

So when you read the bold announcements by these leaders claiming they speak the mind and will of Protestant people, just know that they are having fun "tooting their own horn," and not too many people are paying any attention to them.

It is sad that our friends of non-Protestant faiths are led to think that Protestants as a whole are half-communistic. Don't you believe that, my non-Protestant friend!

The rank-and-file of the Protestants stand with other Christian groups un-

WHAT GROUPS ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES?

In the accompanying article, "Is There Subversion In The Church," Dr. Ayer mentions an organization known as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., a group which, at last count, claimed to represent some "37-million Protestant Americans."

For the benefit of Defender readers we list below the twenty-nine denominations now affiliated with the National Council. If your name is on the rolls of one of these Churches, you are officially represented by the National Council and a portion of each dime you contribute is laid aside to be placed in the treasuries of this organization.

The Church bodies which constitute the National Council include:

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African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	National Baptist Convention of America
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Colored Methodist Episcopal Church	Reformed Church in America
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America	Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Evangelical and Reformed Church	Roumanian Orthodox Church of America
Evangelical United Brethren Church	Russian Orthodox Church in North America
Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren in North America	Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
Five Years Meeting of Friends in America	Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America
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Greek Orthodox Church in America	United Lutheran Church in America
International Convention of Disciples of Christ	United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.
The Methodist Church	

compromisingly opposed to Communism in all its forms.

Another sad feature of this "pink" clerical attitude was brought to our attention by Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota who, for many years, was a medical missionary in China. He said:

"We believe it is important to set the record straight and show the world where the American Protestant community stands.

"We hope that the poll will emphasize our opposition to any action which would betray the people of China, our allies, and the basic tenets of our Christian morality.

"The pro-Red China resolution had caused dismay among America's allies in Asia 'who have valiantly withstood communist pressures and aggression and who count on the people of our country to stand with them,'" the press report stated.

Chinese Communist Aims

In passing this resolution, not a word

was mentioned about the relentless drive toward atheism conducted by the Communist masters of the Chinese mainland; about the Peiping regime's continued pogroms which have slaughtered millions of the Chinese people; about Red China's torture and imprisonment of Protestants and other religious martyrs; about the continued imprisonment of young American service men; about its continued open aggressive actions against its neighbors and our own country; and its defiance of the United Nations.

I know that millions of Church folk are sick at heart over such things as this. I can almost hear you say, "How did so many of our leaders get this way?

"A generation ago ministers of the Gospel always stood out against all evil. What's happened that at least a few have ceased to be Biblically Christian, and how is it that these obviously 'spiritual defectives' get to the top of Protestantism and spew out their radi-

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cal pronouncements in the name of the great majority of good, godly and Bible-believing Protestants?

"Why doesn't the Council get saner, more patriotic, more Biblical men to represent them?"

Well, dear friends, it's a long, long story, and it can't be told on this brief program. However, this can be truthfully said:

The trouble begins in our colleges and seminaries. These schools take the earnest young men and women who, with high and noble purpose want to serve Christ, and slowly but surely quench their zeal for the Gospel, and in its place give them radical social theories, some of which really are as Marxian as any which the Communists have used to build up the brutal totalitarian regimes.

Infiltrating The Church

Dr. Dan Poling, one of our truly conscientious Christian leaders, Editor of the *Christian Herald*, a few years ago published an article by Herbert A. Phil-

Coming Next Month

Be sure to look for Dr. Ayer's companion article in the August *Defender*, "Is There Subversion In The Schoolroom?"

brick who, for a long period, was a counterspy for the F.B.I. Philbrick wrote:

"It is no accident that your church is the number-one target of the Communist conspiracy in America today. The Reds have been flushed from previous cover.

"Since the war the Communists have lost control of many unions which they once dominated. Having lost power there, they have sought to gain power in another area, and the churches were selected as the target."

There is no escaping the fact that a brainwashing of a sort is going on in our theological seminaries. I talk with hundreds of young ministers as I travel over the land, and I have often stood aghast at the disregard these church leaders have for the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

They scoff at sin's reality, call the Gospel of redemption through the death of Christ a "slaughter-house" religion. Many of them agree with the Bishop who recently called God a "Big Bully."

These clergymen feel that the old Gospel is done; now the Church must cooperate with the United Nations to create a one-world order, largely without recognition of God, and with Christ completely excluded.

Many of them think Communism

means Brotherhood, and while they don't want to go all the way with it, yet because they have rejected Christ's saving gospel, they feel that the Russian experiment may finally bring in the Kingdom of God.

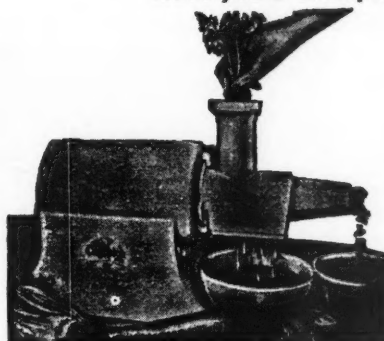
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ed. Jesus said that there would be tares among the wheat. He even wondered if, when He came back to earth again, there would be a true faith in the earth.

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Today I want to talk to you about something no state or federal taxing agency can touch . . . that is the Christian's inheritance. It is of great value. No tax can be imposed to diminish its size or worth. It is eternally secure.

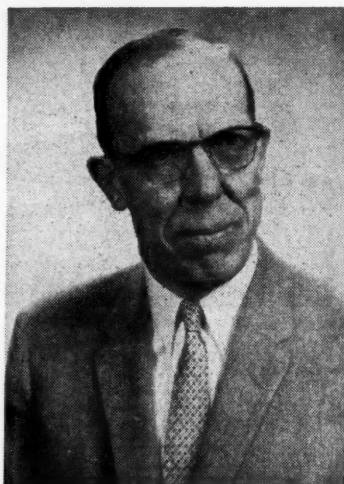
This immense wealth procured by Jesus Christ is "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (I Peter 1:4)

What a contrast with earthly possessions which fluctuate in value! This world is one of uncertainties. Great fortunes sometimes diminish in value, unexpectedly . . . and provide little security for those who rely thereon.

Earthly inheritances are often dissipated. Unforeseen catastrophies, such as cyclones, tornadoes, earthquakes, landslides and fires ignited by electrical storms reduce vast estates to a condition of worthlessness.

Trusted stewards are sometimes unreliable. Trustees may become untrustworthy. Banks can fail. "In-laws" sometimes turn into outlaws, and get away with an amazing amount of crookedness.

Even brothers and sisters . . . yes, sons and daughters with selfish ambitions and with no love or respect for parents, fraudulently take over life savings and other properties under the pretense of anxious concern for the real owners' welfare, and some relatives are wicked enough to have a supposedly



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"loved one" declared insane and then have them confined in an institution in order to get control of property as guardian, and eventually possess it for their own pleasure and profit. There is a day of reckoning for all that merciless thievery.

Thank God, in this world of uncertainty . . . vanishing security, shaky foundations and calamities without number, the Christian . . . one who is a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and, by an operation of the Holy Spirit has been born into the Kingdom of God . . . thus becoming a son of the Father in heaven . . . is secure within His protecting care for time and eternity.

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This "Friend" who relieves the trusting Christian from anxiety, is willing to do the same for you. The ninth chapter of Hebrews deals with God's provision through Christ for the Christian that he "might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." Wouldn't you like to exchange your uncertainty for this kind of security?

You may have heard, and read in the Bible too, about the things one must give up in order to receive the inheritance. So what?

Surely, there is a lot of filth and rotten stuff nobody is allowed to take into the kingdom of God. Indecency is abhorred by respectable people. Murder and immorality have no place in a righteous life.

Sure enough, you cannot drag in a worldly mess. Who with common sense would approve of it? Certainly God is too wise to permit the wrecking of His kingdom by destructive elements. One must be properly conditioned to enjoy the good things the Lord has for His own.

Who wants death in preference to life? The Bible says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Galatians 6:7,8)

No sin can be tolerated in heaven. Surely the sinner must be separated

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from his sins to have fellowship with a holy God. That is only reasonable. And, a merciful Father has made provision for such separation from sin by the blood of His blessed Son. (II Corinthians 6:14,16)

Yes, there are things ... there are associations ... which must be abandoned by everyone who would receive the inheritance available through Christ.

Necessary Adjustments

You see, my listening friend, the nature of the Christian inheritance is such that it is impossible to enter into the enjoyment of it without the necessary adjustment.

Perhaps you have heard the story of a rich and prosperous young man who owned a manufacturing business. Both men and women were employed in his factory.

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This good girl, with such limited ability, put forth an honest effort to learn her work. She applied herself diligently to her task.

There was a wholesomeness with her integrity that made her admirable. Even the president of the company, when passing through the factory, observed her cooperative attitude and desire to do her work well.

He was well educated, wealthy and single. Socially, he moved in a circle of friends of equal standing, but his admiration of this poor young woman in the factory matured into a love affair.

While contemplating marriage he afforded her opportunities to advance from simple jobs to the handling of complex machinery. In every circumstance and changing working condition she faithfully performed her duties ... cheerfully sharing her increased earnings with her needy parents and younger brothers and sisters at home.

One day the owner of the factory proposed marriage. It was not the result of sudden impulse. He did not receive an immediate answer.

The lovely girl with whom he had fallen in love hesitated to consent to be his wife because of a feeling of inferiority.

He was rich. She was poor. He was educated. She was not. She feared that her station in life and his were too far apart ... apprehensive about ability to measure up socially and educationally.

Finally her thoughtful suitor submitted a plan which was agreed upon. If the young lady would say "yes," the engagement was to be kept secret during the interim for special cultural preparation ... the bride-to-be studying ... the future husband gladly paying all educational costs.

She would acquire knowledge enabling her to appreciate the sciences and other liberal arts, and become a capable conversationalist among the elite with whom they both would mingle.

He loved her, and wanted her to have the best of everything, and cheerfully made all the provisions at his own expense. She responded lovingly and intelligently. They were married, eventually, and lived happily thereafter.

The Love of

Just so, our wonderful Redeemer loves us. How He could love us so much we'll never know until we see Him face to face. The riches of Christ are unsearchable. He wants to share them with us. Only by revelation can we even understand their value ... they are so great.

To be able to enjoy fellowship with Him there must needs be separation and preparation. In a sinful condition it is impossible. Ignorance of His holiness is appalling.

To appreciate the eternal inheritance and be able to participate to the extent planned by God, it is not enough to be cleansed from ugly sins. The power of the blood of Jesus must also cleanse from self.

The Christian is also expected to give up his own way for the Lord's way, which is always the best. To share fully in the inheritance, he must be willing to yield up the natural for the supernatural ... to surrender the temporal for the permanent ... discount the things of time to possess the eternal riches.

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Corinthians 2:14)

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit." (I Corinthians 2:9,10)

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." (I Corinthians 2:12)

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Let's begin at the beginning ... with what is basic. Since it is a fact that only the heirs inherit, are you sure that you are an heir? This affair of inheritance is a very personal matter.

The will of God provides the legacies of which the Bible speaks, and which we have been considering together. The bequests are fortunes willed to certain individuals.

Are you one of them? This is important to know. Wills often require qualifications. It is so in the case before us.

Under the first will ... the Old Testament ... the human family as a whole, as an entirety, failed to qualify. The terms of the first will were not met by the heirs provided for therein.

Thanks be to God, such defection did not deter the beneficent Father from sharing His vast estate. His incomprehensible love prevailed. A new will was made which afforded another opportunity for all to get in and partake of the inheritance, through His own Son. That is why the Bible speaks of the "heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14) as being heirs of God through Christ.

Apart from the Saviour from heaven we could not qualify as heirs. The first man forfeited his right to life, and all the accompanying heritage. Adam's disobedience ruled him out as an heir,

and all his posterity has likewise been affected.

The new will, called the New Testament, provides for heirship through God's Son, the second Adam ... the perfect and obedient One from heaven. He came to share not only His life but all His possessions also.

Hence the Bible says that the life and Spirit, making Christians the children of God, also constitutes them as "heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." You may read about this arrangement in Romans 8:17.

Here is another clincher in Galatians 3:29. "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to promise."

This means that everyone who hears and heeds the Good News ... that is the Gospel of Christ, and in reality becomes His possession, will jointly share with Him all that is His.

How much is that, do you ask? It would take more time than is available right now to mention all, but Paul's prayer in the Ephesian letter helps us to a better understanding of what is included. Let me read just a part of it, please. He writes:

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory ... to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fulness of God."

THE SIN WE DARE NOT CONFESS

A Roman Catholic priest who served in a large parish for more than twenty-five years stated that every sin committed by human beings had been confessed to him — every sin except *one*. The one sin which was never confessed was *covetousness* — hunger for money and material things. My own experience as a pastor and counselor has been that people are afraid to mention and confess this sin.

"Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses." These words, spoken by Jesus are plain enough. Covetousness is all too common among Christians today and the Bible says it will increase as the return of our Lord draws near.

God spoke in thundering tones from Sinai, "Thou shalt not covet." The first death recorded in the church after Pentecost was because of covetousness and lying to cover it. We couldn't take care of all the funerals if today God killed all the Christians who lie about their giving.

Covetousness can be conquered by accepting the fact that God is the owner of everything and that He has entrusted the management of some of His property to us.

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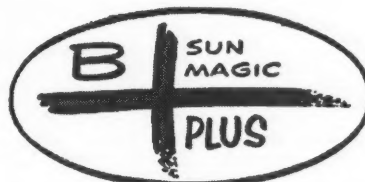
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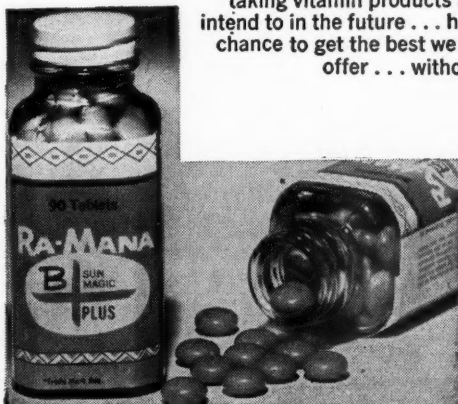
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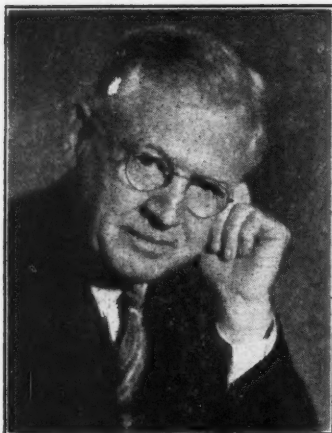
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YOU HAVE TO HAND it to the forces of the Left and their dupes. There is no limit to their attacks. The latest in a long list of forays is an attack on belief in God.

That may sound like a rash statement — and, of course, the new campaign is not carried on so brashly. But here is the story.

As I write, it is taking place in a small community outside New York City. But it could ultimately affect every parent and child in America, as you will see.

First, I suggest you read the following brief prayer:

Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country.

Now this prayer is recited each morning by the children in the public schools of a district in Long Island. It is a non-denominational prayer approved by the New York State Board of Regents.

It is not compulsory in the schools of New York State. It is up to the local schools to adopt the prayer or not, as they see fit.

And in the schools which have adopted it, of course, there is no compulsion on the children to say it — they can say it or not as they choose.

However, five citizens of this district have brought suit against their local school board (See June, 1959 *Defender*, page seven) to force it to abandon use

of the prayer in their schools. But this is by no means a local matter.

The Supreme Court

The idea seems to be to carry the suit all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States, in an effort to expunge from the public schools of America any belief in or respect for God.

Naturally, the opponents of the prayer do not admit that this is their purpose. They base their opposition on the traditional American concept of the separation of church and state.

And knowing our present Supreme Court for what it is, it is not inconceivable that the learned justices could stretch their adjudication to embrace this specious reasoning.

It is obviously a smoke-screen, because no church or group of churches is trying to worm its way into the public schools.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to God in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Every session of the Congress of the United States opens with a prayer.

There are four specific references in the Declaration of Independence to our nation's dependence on Almighty God. Every American coin bears the legend "In God We Trust" — and in 1956 the Congress adopted that phrase as the national motto of the United States.

The Constitution of the State of New York — as well as those of many other American states — pays its respect to God.

As I said, this prayer is non-denominational and its use is not compulsory in the New York schools. What, then, is behind this drive to expunge the idea of God and respect for a Supreme Being from the schools of the United States?

Enemies of God

Well, who are the most dedicated and implacable enemies of God and religion in our modern world? The communists and their dupes. And here is the strange part of the story.

The suit brought by the five citizens to abolish this prayer in the schools caused quite a furor in the Long Island community. But the five litigants refused to talk.

They referred all inquiries to an outfit called the New York Civil Liberties Union. And what is that? It is an affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU has in it a number of deluded "liberals" as well as some communist-fronters. It has always been soft on communism and is always ready to go to bat for the so-called "civil liberties" of communists.

One of the main recent activities of the American Civil Liberties Union — and particularly its Southern California branch — has been a drive to try to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities — the committee responsible for many exposures of the communists in our midst.

The ACLU's affiliate, the New York Civil Liberties Union, was busy only two years ago trying to hold a meeting to honor the editor of the Communist *Daily Worker*!

Only last year this same New York outfit was up in arms. Over what? Over an attack on the liberties of a loyal American? Not at all.

It was horrified because a member of the Communist Party was not permitted to address the students on the campus of a tax-supported college.

But this is the organization which is evidently behind the drive to wipe the idea of God from the public schools of the United States.

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"But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead." (Matthew 8:22)

WHEN THE LORD JESUS said "Follow me," He issued a great challenge. In this simple statement of two words He is calling men to give up the common pursuits and comforts of life.

To the fishermen of Galilee He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) To a tax gatherer by the name of Matthew, Jesus said "... Follow me. And he arose and followed him." (Matthew 9:9)

Later on the Saviour said, "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38) One cannot help but wonder how such an appeal as "follow me" strikes those upon whose ears it falls today.

In a letter to the Philippians the Apostle Paul writes, "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ ..." (Philippians 2:1), or as Moffatt renders it, "If there is therefore any stimulus in Christ ..."

Often in moments of physical weakness we need a stimulus so we call in the physician who, after diagnosis, administers according to the need.

Some foolishly turn to things which are harmful, but the child of God has the joy of turning to the Lord Jesus as his stimulus. "If there is therefore any stimulus in Christ." There is a real stimulus in His words, "Follow me."

Many who profess to be Christians have never seriously attempted to follow the Saviour. They bear the sacred

name, but do not manifest the holy character of their Lord.

There can be no question but that nominal Christians, or carnal ones as Paul called them in his Corinthian letter, have caused our Lord more heartaches than any other class of beings in His universe.

So much has been committed to them, the divine call has been so insistent and the needs are so overwhelming, to be indifferent to all of this, is to cause the Saviour deep concern.

I am not going to deal with Christlikeness in doctrine, as important as this is, but rather Christlikeness in deportment. My appeal is not so much to belief as to behavior.

Some weeks ago we had the privilege of escorting some friends through the Colossal Cave, which some day may make our community famous because of what may be discovered upon further exploration.

It is a subterranean passage which has been explored for thirty-nine miles with no sign of reaching the other terminal. Stalagmites and stalactites with thousands of other beautiful crystal formations are found in endless profusion, yet all remain in abject darkness until the light is turned upon them. The beauty is there but only when the light shines is it apparent to the visitor.

This reminds us of ourselves as Chris-

tians who have within us the very nature of Christ Himself, and daily we are to so live that when the light of another's scrutiny is turned upon us, the divine characteristics will be apparent. No doubt we are a disappointment to many who come in contact with us for they expect much and find so little.

As we think of what it means to be like Christ, let us consider first, being like Him

In Obedience

Concerning Himself, He said, "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him." (John 8:29)

This is an amazing witness which Jesus bore concerning Himself, a witness which no other human being can bear. The more we study the life of Christ and face every possible aspect of it, the more one comes to realize the truthfulness of His statement.

He obeyed His father in thought, word and deed, to the extent there was not the slightest deviation from the divine will. Looking down through the centuries to the appearance of Jesus, the Psalmist put these words upon His lips, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8)

It was not drudgery for Him to obey His Father. To obey Him was the passion of His life for He found pleasure and delight in so doing.

It seems hard to get the people of God enthusiastic over doing the will of God. Crucifixion of the self life is about the last thing many Christians are willing to attempt.

The late Gypsy Smith used to say that you could not get a "hallelujah" out of some Christians if you squeezed them through a wringer. There is no fervency about them.

Many of us are like poor old afflicted Job who at first sought only to vindicate himself, or we are like the fleeing Jonah hunting an excuse for his disobedience.

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Little do we realize the awful price of disobedience. It is disobedience that destroys the serenity of home life. It is disobedience which breaks the ranks of armies and courts defeat. It is disobedience to the Word of God which mars the possibility of becoming Christlike.

Some think it is not necessary to be baptized, but I ask — what did Jesus do about it? Others think it is not necessary to identify themselves with the body of believers. Yet this is the very thing which our Lord did during His days upon earth.

He not only gathered around Himself those whom He called disciples, but by His baptism identified Himself with the believing remnant of Israel.

We meet on every side those who do not believe in missions and who feel that if they maintain the local work their obligation is met. They have closed their eyes to the example of the greatest of missionaries, even the One whom they acknowledge as Saviour.

They have turned a deaf ear to His command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. All of us need to ask God to help us to obey His voice without question and for strength to refuse to compromise at any point.

A touching story comes from China about a group of precious Chinese Christian girls. Continually the Boxers said: "What is there in this Jesus Way to give weak women and children such courage? What is the secret?"

There lived a girlish native teacher in a school near the Great Wall. The American missionary was absent at the time when the Boxer outbreak was on in fury.

Her relatives offered this Chinese teacher safe hiding but she refused to leave the seventeen girls who could not reach their homes. They hid in the fields of tall grain, in caves, or wherever they could find shelter. But after long wanderings they were hunted down like wild beasts and captured.

All the way to the place of execution the young teacher strengthened her little flock by exhortations to follow in

the steps of the Lord Jesus, even unto death.

Enraged by her fearless calm, the Boxer ruffians halted the procession by the wayside. Without flinching, this beautiful maiden teacher offered her head to the sword.

When put to the test a little later of bowing before the idol in the temple, not one of the seventeen pupils consented — every one quietly accepted death in the name of the Master. They followed Him to the very end. This is the obedience that our Lord desires. It is Christlike in character.

Another aspect of Christlikeness is

In Separation

We read of Jesus, "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." (Hebrews 7:26)

We could dwell with profit upon each one of these characteristics mentioned of Him, however, we want to emphasize but one, "separate from sinners."

Jesus walked a lonely path and not too many have walked that way since His day. His was the pathway of separation from the world.

While He was in the world, He was not of it. He passed through it, but He did not partake of its affairs. In deed and in truth He was as a root growing in dry ground.

While Jesus associated with men for the purpose of winning them, He did not partake of their evil ways, nor did He affiliate Himself with their ungodly organizations. Even though He held Himself aloof from others, He won men to Himself.

The Word of God is replete with illustrations of men of old who sought to be pleasing to God in the matter of separation from the world.

Moses, brought up in all the culture of the royal court of Egypt, forsook it and lived with God in a desert place. Daniel and his companions refused to defile themselves with the meat from the king's table, and chose a simple fare which they knew would be pleasing to the God whom they served.

Joshua could say to all about him that "... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The glitter and

glare of worldly things had no attraction for these men.

We wonder if Peter, Philip and Paul, whose names loom large in the pages of the Book of Acts, were to return as did Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration, would they recognize the church as they knew and understood it in their day?

We speak of the church as being an assembly of called-out ones, yet within its bounds there is a strange mixture of the world, flesh and the devil, a sort of religious hodge-podge which is anything but Christlikeness.

I once saw a sign over a road which read, "Abandoned, travel at your own risk." God calls upon His people to turn aside from the broad way, a road which has been abandoned by Him, and walk the narrow way to glory in unbroken fellowship with Himself.

It is wholly impossible to be like Christ and indulge the things of the world, no matter how attractive they may seem. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)

I would rather travel the narrow way at His risk than the broad way at my risk.

All Christians are called upon to be Christlike

In Humility

In this our Lord set the example. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

Paul reminds us that "he humbled himself." How beautiful this is and how contrary to the sinful nature of men! In spiritual language the way up is down.

Jesus made this plain in His earthly ministry when He said, "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:4)

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exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." (Matthew 23:12)

It is said that a young minister was preaching a sermon on Christ washing the disciples' feet, and in the midst of it he said, "Do you know, friends, we are all fighting for the top in the church, but there are few fighting for the towel."

This was a crude way of saying that there are very few willing to be the last, the lowest and the least in the church of Jesus Christ. I am sure that when we are willing to take the towel and, as it were, wash the feet of the disciples, we shall hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant ..."

I am sure of this, self-indulgence always ends in loss, whereas self-denial always results in gain. It has been well said that when we lend our achievement to another as a footstool for him to stand upon, we gain immeasurably and another is lifted higher.

Whenever we imagine we are too big for the smallest job in the service of Christ, then we are too small for divine usefulness. Truly it is possible for men to be too big for God to use but never too small.

The moment we begin to boast about our humility, that moment it flees. "... God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:5,6)

We know that "... the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit ... is in the sight of God of great price." (1 Peter 3:4) We are sure that "the meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord ..." (Isaiah 29:19)

But the pity is we are tempted still to vaunt ourselves and to be puffed up! The world says, "Let him take that hath the power, and let him keep who can."

But our blessed Saviour said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." (Matthew 5:5). Let us pray that God will enable us to take these glorious truths to heart and manifest them in daily living to the blessing of those who come in contact with us.

Another grave responsibility which rests upon all who name the wondrous Name of Christ is to be like Him

In Forgiveness

Here is one of the hardest grades to make in the pathway of Christian experience. At the hands of our Lord we have received a full and free forgiveness.

There are no degrees in the forgiveness which He has provided for us. Divine forgiveness is either full, complete and permanent or it is not forgiveness.

This is the appeal made by Paul when he wrote, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32) As we have needed forgiveness, so we ought to forgive.

This question of forgiveness bothered Peter so he came to the Saviour with a question, "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." (Matthew 18:21,22)

We believe the significance behind this number centers in the completion of the purpose of God. It was a number familiar to the ears of those who knew the Book of Daniel.

Through His great prophet of old, God had given the Jewish nation a cycle of four hundred and ninety years in which to make an end of sin and to bring in everlasting righteousness.

It is only after this period of time comes to an end that Israel will pray the imprecatory prayers as recorded in the Book of Psalms.

The "seventy times seven" period was no doubt in the mind of the Saviour when He used it in His answer to Peter as to the number of times forgiveness should be forthcoming. We are to forgive until the day of judgment when God takes over and deals with the sinner.

Every Christian is enjoined to love his enemies and to do good to those who spitefully use him. If he feels this is impossible, then he needs to seek that grace which will enable him to be Christlike in this respect.

We are further enjoined to imitate Christ

In Love

Paul wrote to the Romans about the love of God being shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is a love beyond that which is human, a love which enables us to love those who are unlovely, a love which stoops to the lowest depths to lift others.

This is the love which filled the heart of our Saviour and which carried Him to the cross for our redemption. While we love our schools and honor education, it takes more than a college degree to make us Christlike in this respect.

Only by the power of God's Holy Spirit can we be brought into conformity to the image of Christ. Moody was not an educated man, yet he had a heart which was filled with the love of God, and he moved the American continent as no other preacher has ever stirred it.

We read so often of our Lord that He was "moved with compassion." His love knew no barriers. It leaped over all the fences of racial prejudice so that when He hung a bleeding victim upon the cross, it was for the sins of all the world.

It is said there was a sign in front of a London church which read, "Jesus Only," and indeed it was a very good motto to suspend in front of a church building. Everything about the building and about the membership within it should point to "Jesus only."

But one night a severe wind blew down the first three letters of the sign so that it read "us Only." When a church exists for itself alone it is because it is devoid of the love of God, the love which makes us Christlike.

There is nothing greater in this world for the child of God than to be Christlike. No matter what else he may try to be or do, if he is not seeking to be like the crucified and risen Saviour, he is falling short of the will of God for his life.

Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me ..." (John 4:34), and this should be our portion also.

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Editor's Note: Dr. Smith, son of the noted Dr. Oswald J. Smith, is Pastor of The Peoples Church. Their Missionary Society contributes over a quarter of a million dollars annually toward the support of more than 335 missionaries. In this issue of *The Defender*, Dr. Smith reports briefly on his recent visit to Germany . . . and next month will give an illuminating account of his sojourn into Soviet Russia.

IN EXACTLY FIFTEEN HOURS I will step into a private car and deliberately allow myself to be driven behind the Iron Curtain.

I am writing in my room in the Hotel Savoy in the heart of West Berlin, and I am very nervous and have been for three days.

Actually, there is nothing to worry about. A steady stream of Americans and other foreigners are touring the Soviet Union every day. I am just one more.

This is what I keep telling myself, but to totally ignore the anti-Russian propaganda with which North American children are reared is more difficult than I would have imagined.

For thirty-seven years I have heard how bad Russia is, how cruel the Communists are, how dangerous the vast reaches back of the "Curtain" must be.

I have read many books about people attempting deliberately to escape from Russia — none about people fighting their way into Russia.

There is no newspaper published in my home town that does not continually belabor the Soviet Republic in every issue. It is difficult, indeed, to ignore so many years of warning.

Sunday night in Rome I became ill. I think my body was subconsciously trying to give me an excuse to back out. After tossing through the hours of a long night, I got up at five-thirty and walked the streets of the Eternal City.

I stopped at a stand-up coffee bar and swallowed a small cup of very black and very sweet coffee. I felt a

Coming Next Month

Be sure to look for Dr. Smith's companion article in the August *Defender*, where he reports on conditions as they actually exist in Russia today.

little better, and as I continued to walk, it grew lighter and my spirits rose with the sun.

When it was time to take the bus from the terminal to the airport, the sun had been blotted out by heavy, foggy clouds. My enthusiasm became dull.

The man at the terminal told me I was too late. My bus had gone and my flight to Dusseldorf was leaving one hour earlier than my ticket indicated. Here was a natural escape, but for some reason I managed to get angry at the agent and he rushed me to the airport by taxi.

Dusseldorf

The Royal Dutch Aircraft turned out to be one of the latest Constellations — the kind with the little pontoons on the wing tips. As we mounted through the fog my heart seemed to sink in direct relation to the rise of the aircraft, and it stayed there until we came down on the wet, gray air strip of Dusseldorf.

I was almost rushed through German Customs and Immigration and in less time than it takes to write it I was wandering about the terminal building, surrounded by guttural sounds. No one seemed to speak a word of English. I was very much alone.

There were five or six hours to spend before British European Airways would fly me to Berlin. The bus cost one mark, about twenty-five cents, and I was in the heart of Dusseldorf in about a half hour.

The only evidence left of the bombing of Dusseldorf was the enormous number of new buildings. Block after block of the downtown area is completely new. Only occasionally was I able to pick out an isolated structure that was obviously of pre-war vintage.

The post office, the department stores, the hotels, the office buildings, are all brand new, each one mute evidence of the horrible destruction that must have rained down less than fifteen years ago.

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I watched the men and tried to pick out the ones in my own age bracket. They were those that had worn the Nazi uniform and fought Hitler's war. They did not look like brutes or maniacs or even soldiers. They were ordinary men, not very glamorous, but rather solid and somber individuals.

I watched the women and, incidentally, a surprising number of German women are real blondes. These were the girls that had fought their way through the rubble and debauchery of the post-war years in the dirty struggle for personal survival.

These were the ones that had scrounged in garbage heaps, kept house without a roof overhead, and reared their children almost without a human hope. But they looked just like any other group of women.

There was no sign of strain or privation or even bitterness. They were just living, as our girls live, and laughing and loving. What an adjustable machine is the human being!

A Change in Plans

A lot of walking and a few cups of coffee in the well-heated German restaurants and it was time to go back to the airport. As I came up to the checking-in point, two men were arguing about something with the agent. Obviously something had gone wrong.

At last the agent translated for my benefit. Fog over Dusseldorf had made it impossible for our aircraft to land and it had been detoured to Frankfurt. Now Frankfurt, too, was fogged in and we could not go to Berlin until the next morning.

Here was my chance again. I would miss my flight to Moscow which left first thing on Tuesday morning, take the next plane back to Switzerland, and rejoin the rest of my party where it was safe.

There was a bit of an argument in my own mind, but stubbornly I got angry again at the agent, whereupon he called to his office in Berlin, had them cancel Tuesday's reservation on East German Airlines, and secure the same on Wednesday.

Wonder of wonders, he got through, and the change was made. He even arranged for a hotel for me in Dusseldorf because I was what he called an interline passenger.

No one had ever done this for me before when I had been desperately anxious to be helped, and in this situation when I would have been grateful for any excuse to back out, they were able to give me the moon.

I stayed in the Hotel Germania right down town. It was very comfortable and extremely well-heated, despite the fact that the weather outside was just like good, damp, English November when the British Spartans would scarcely deign to light an open fire.

The only unusual part of the night was the German cover. It is just one big, thick sheet and it is desperately warm. Actually, it is about three inches thick, and entirely covered with sheeting material. Another short model of the same thing is added at the lower end of the bed to ensure warmth in your feet.

West Berlin

Again I slept fitfully and quite worried. We took off on schedule in a B.E.A. Viscount Tourist flight and arrived without mishap in a dense fog that lay like a gray blanket over the West Berlin airport. The airport is in the heart of the city and only ten minutes by taxi from the Hotel Savoy.

Shortly after I arrived, I went to the office of Thomas Cook & Sons to recheck the procedure for getting to the East Berlin Airport.

I was such an unusual case — people do not go to Moscow every day from West Berlin — that everybody in the office came to the counter and looked over my documents.

I learned that I had to go by taxi to the East Berlin Air Terminal and there board the bus for the Communist Airport.

This sounded easy but they remembered that most West Berlin taxis would not cross the line. They decided I should hire a private car for twenty marks — about five dollars. This was arranged, and now I must spend one more night in the free world before I deliberately step through the Iron Curtain.

Two hours ago I called The Canadian Military Mission to let them know I was going. There is a little piece of paper pasted in the back of every Canadian passport which reads:

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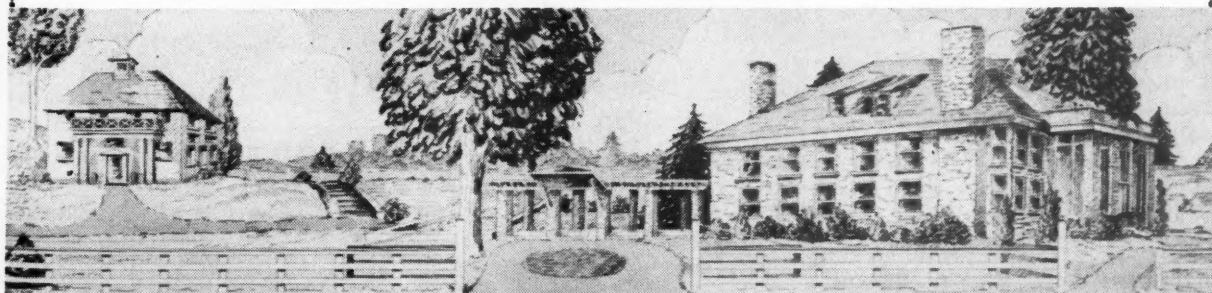
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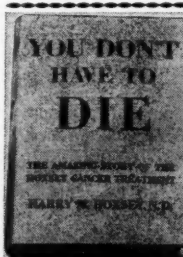
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Defender missionary work in the Dominican Republic came into existence as an outgrowth of the large and fruitful ministry in nearby Puerto Rico. When the Dominican program was launched a few years ago, several Puerto Rican congregations expressed a desire to help support the new field.

Some of the struggling groups have been able to send only twenty-five to fifty cents a month ... but it is a beautiful commentary on modern missions, that Churches organized in one area possess a missionary incentive for carrying the Gospel to another.

Defender Churches have been established in almost a dozen different localities, under the supervision of Rev. Cobles Valdespina, a loyal and faithful servant of Christ.

On Dr. Winrod's last visit to this Island, Brother Valdespina said: "Please ask the Defender family to pray for me and my associates during the days that lie ahead. I do not feel equal to the task, and dare not undertake it except on my knees."

Guatemala

Five miles south of the Capital City of Guatemala lies the town of Villa Nueva, an agricultural center of about five thousand inhabitants. One of the first Defender missions founded in this Central American republic is located here.

The local congregation, consisting of about fifty converts, attends services every night the year round, and has a large Sunday School enrollment. These meetings are conducted by the elders of the church.

The congregation has been holding services in the homes of various members, alternating from one humble abode to another.

The accompanying photograph shows Dr. Jose Hernandez (General Superintendent of American Spanish work) together with Rev. Gonzalo Davila, our representative in Guatemala ... standing in the midst of a stockpile of adobe

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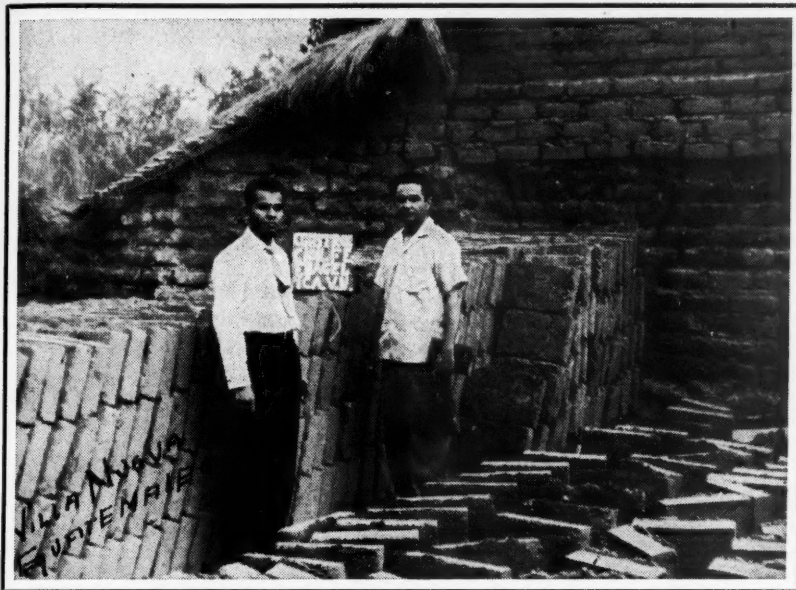
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Dr. Jozé Hernandez (right) together with Rev. Gonzalo Davila ... standing in the midst of a stockpile of adobe bricks.

bricks, which had been assembled for future construction of a permanent worship center in Villa Nueva.

In a recent report to this office, Brother Davila writes: "This congregation is now in process of erecting her own worship center. The adobe bricks are taking the shape of a beautiful building. These friends lack sufficient funds to complete the structure at this time, but they are praying, trusting that God will supply their needs."

Brother Davila also reports that, at present, the Defenders organization is the only Protestant religious voice heard in Villa Nueva, a great responsibility. Although the local friends "have had troubles, they are encouraged to work on," he writes.

Leaving the vicinity of Villa Nueva, we journey southwest to Coatepeque. Nine miles from this center is a village by the name of San Rafael Pacaya, situated on the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

This location is blessed with a warm climate and gentle ocean breezes, a place of beauty, marred only by the poverty which is prevalent everywhere.

Recently Brother Davila traveled to San Rafael Pacaya to hold special services for the believers in this vicinity. He writes:

"We felt the very presence of God in every meeting and, as a result of His anointing, fifteen souls accepted Christ as their Saviour during the four days. Each evening the church building was filled to capacity. On the last evening a service was held at a nearby river,

at which time the new converts were baptized."

Brother Davila also reports that there is a great demand for religious literature, tracts, pamphlets, but especially Bibles and Testaments, in Guatemala. He has recently appointed a Christian worker to travel from preaching point to preaching point, filling as many requests as it is possible.

Those wishing to have a part in this needy ministry should send their contributions to Defender Headquarters, indicating their desire to help in this regard.

Haiti

Progress on this field is slow, in comparison to the rapid growth of other Central American locales.

Our representative in Haiti, Rev. Helmut Tippenhauer, is a graduate of the Defenders Theological Seminary. Although the language of his native Republic is French, he speaks Spanish fluently, as well as English.

In a recent report to this office he told of the many urgent calls which pour in each passing week ... pleas from various Haitian villages for him to come there to establish a church, etc.

It is his desire that the day will soon come when finances will permit him to send other trained native workers into the field to answer these calls to "set out in search of lost souls deeply entangled in the meshes of idolatry and superstition."

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Mexico

The Republic of Mexico has, without a doubt, some of the most beautiful scenery to be found anywhere on the face of the globe. She is bountifully blessed with high mountain peaks, shimmering lakes, profuse vegetation, tropical bird life and floating gardens.

Prior to the arrival of the white man, central and southern Mexico were the leading centers of culture of the Western Hemisphere. Only now, by the magic touch of archaeology, are we coming to understand the marvelous achievements of the pre-Conquest period.

Mexico possesses a wealth of history, tradition, legend and romance, unknown to other parts of the North American continent. These things serve to invite the tourist bent on pleasure, and the scholar engaged in research.

Unfortunately, only a small percentage of the people of the United States realize the wonders that lie south of the border. They drive their fine cars across the boundary line at any of a dozen points in four states, spend a few hours in one of the nearby towns, purchase a souvenir or two, sample a meal in a local cafe, endeavor to engage one of the natives in conversation ... and then return home to proudly announce they have been to Mexico.

This, of course, is not a fair way to judge any country. You must go deep into the interior, see for yourself, examine her monuments, visualize her early civilization, in order to appreciate the marvels of Mexico.

The Defenders organization has, at the present time, a small nucleus of dedicated workers in this country, centered largely around the metropolis of Monterrey, who are engaged in carrying the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to needy souls.

Each month reports come in from the various pastors, listing new converts, baptisms, larger enrollments in Sunday School etc.

The task of reaching the lost in Mexico is a slow, tedious process, but it is well worth the effort! Many of God's choicest Saints in this Latin country recall the day when they first accepted Christ, perhaps at an open-air meeting far up in the mountains, with but one

lamp glowing to give sufficient light for reading the precious Scriptures.

As on the other missionary fields, Mexico also has an urgent need for financial assistance, as well as the prayers of interested friends. Several Chapels are now without Sponsors. If you would like to have a part in the work in Mexico, we urge you to utilize the blank at the end of this article.

Middle East

Dr. Solomon John Mattar, one of the outstanding Christian leaders of the Arab world, is Superintendent of Defender missionary work in the Middle East.

He writes most encouragingly of results being noted in the work there in Jerusalem, stating that "... we like to make our students happy. We give them spiritual food, and occasionally present them with small gifts, which they appreciate so much.

"They (the students) seem to be like our own children. We take them on picnics. At present we have about thirty girls who sew for us regularly in their homes."

Brother Mattar reports that the Jordanian government does not encourage missionary work, as far as actual preaching is concerned, especially among the Moslems. However, if a native comes to you seeking information, you are allowed to present the Gospel to him. Another difficulty which he mentions is the fact they are not allowed to advertise religious activities but must rely on word of mouth.

In an early issue of *The Defender* we expect to give a first-hand report of the work in the Holy Land.

Puerto Rico

It was in 1931 that the Defenders organization began its missionary endeavors in the West Indies ... with general headquarters located at Rio Piedras, a suburb of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

God has blessed the effort, and the growth has been phenomenal.

Economic conditions are sadly out of balance in Puerto Rico, although progress is being made, especially in the metropolitan area. Little improvement can so far be observed, as far as living standards are concerned, in the interior.

The vast majority of Puerto Ricans live in abject poverty. Families are undernourished, making their bodies a prey for diseases typical of the tropics.

Few in the United States have any idea what conditions are like among

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these people. How they manage to survive is a mystery to visitors who come in from the outside.

The Gospel of Christ is greatly needed. Living conditions some how improve where it is preached, regardless of economic handicaps. There is magic in its message.

But such people cannot reach out for the Gospel. It has to be taken to them. The Defenders organization is doing this by training preachers, evangelists and other leaders, motivated by a sense of compassion to work among their own people.

By means of the Spanish *Defender*, which now enjoys international circulation, and through the facilities of radio broadcasting, by open air meetings and regular church services, precious souls are daily being led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Defenders Theological Seminary, which has an average enrollment of between 100 and 110 consecrated Christian leaders each year, has just completed another season of effective training . . . and plans are already under way for Fall classes.

As the students complete the three-year course, many go back to their homes, establish small congregations, which become Gospel lighthouses.

If you are interested in helping send your own student through school, or would like to have a share in the ministry of one of these Chapels, a letter of inquiry should be addressed to Defenders, Inc., Missionary Division.

Spanish-American Churches

The first Missionary effort among Spanish speaking peoples in the United States was organized in 1944 by Dr. and Mrs. Jose A. Hernandez.

From a small beginning, the work has grown to include thirteen churches and two centers for the preaching of God's Word in the city of New York, including the extending of missionary work

to other states such as New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

As stated above, all of these efforts are put forth to reach those who speak the Spanish language, who have no other opportunity to hear the Gospel here in America. The majority of those being ministered to are Puerto Ricans who have come to America from their native Island, seeking better living conditions.

New arrivals find it difficult to orient themselves to their strange environments in New York, Chicago, or wherever they choose to settle. Families remain utterly dislocated for long periods of time.

Conditions in the big city are quite unlike their quiet mountain life. Unemployment poses a problem. Thousands eke out a miserable existence at near starvation levels.

Dr. and Mrs. Hernandez, realizing the plight of their people, set forth to see what they could do to alleviate the situation . . . and their efforts have been blessed through the years.

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THESE REPORTS have, of necessity, been brief. It has been possible to skim only the surface of the activities on the various fields.

But almost daily new reports pour in to Defender Headquarters from the various workers on the field, advising of progress, and soliciting our aid, both financial and spiritual, in new undertakings.

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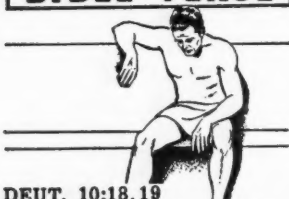
LESSON NUMBER ONE

July 19, 1959

A PILGRIM IN A STRANGE LAND

Ruth 1:19-2:2; 4:13-17

BIBLE VERSE



DEUT. 10:18, 19

He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

The Key Word: Ruth

Ruth is one of the most lovable women in the Bible. And her abiding love embraces the person you would least expect it to, her mother-in-law, Naomi.

Ruth's alien background is repeatedly stressed. In the short book, five times she is "Ruth the Moabitess," also "the woman of Moab," the "Moabitish damsel," and a "stranger."

Modest, meek, courteous, loyal, responsible, gentle yet decisive, Ruth always seems to do the right thing at the right time.

A young widow herself, she might well have said concerning Naomi, her widowed mother-in-law: "Somebody else must take care of this forlorn old woman. I'm still young. I want to marry again. The mother of my first husband is in my way." But Ruth decided rather to stay with Naomi.

She never swerved from her unselfish purpose during the many trials that followed. Nor did she ever complain because she had given up everything, her country, her relationships with young friends, or her chance to marry a man of her own country.

The people of the little town of Bethlehem admired her, not because of her genius or her foresight or her great beauty, but because of her womanly

sweetness. Her story, which finally culminates in her marriage to Boaz, a man of influence, is one of the most beautiful romances in the Bible.

Love had worked the miracle in Ruth's life. She was beloved by all because she was so lovable. She had proved that love can lift one out of poverty and obscurity, love can bring forth a wonderful child, love can shed its rays, like sunlight, on all whom it touches, even a forlorn and weary mother-in-law. (Adapted from "All The Women of the Bible.")

The Key Verse: Ruth 2:1

"And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz."

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The Key Fact: Work Overcomes Problems

In the midst of the poverty, sorrow, fear and doubt which came into the lives of the two widows, Ruth and Naomi, Ruth found a partial balm for her troubles by going to glean in the harvest fields.

The idea that work is a curse is not correct. It should be noted that before Adam fell, he was told to dress and keep the garden.

After the morning worship service a young man went to his pastor and asked that his name be taken from the church roll. The pastor, who had a great understanding of people, readily consented and promised to attend to the matter that very evening.

However, the pastor asked the young man, as a personal favor, to visit an aged and infirm lady who had been an active member of the church.

The young man expressed a willingness to take her a basket of food and read the Bible to her, but as he left he again reminded the pastor, "Don't forget to take my name off the roll."

That evening before the service began the young man hurried into the pastor's office and said, "Pastor, don't take my name off the roll, but give me more work." Idleness brings unhappiness and doubt; work brings comfort and a sense of well-being. —Broadman Comments

LESSON NUMBER TWO

July 26, 1959

A COURAGEOUS BELIEVER

Esther 4:1-3, 10-16; 9:20-26

BIBLE VERSE



Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? ESTHER 4:14

The Key Word: Esther

The character of Esther, as she appears in the Bible, is that of a woman

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of deep piety, faith, courage, patriotism and caution, combined with resolution; a dutiful daughter to her adopted father, docile and obedient to his counsels, and anxious to share the king's favor with him for the good of her people.

That she was a virtuous woman and, as far as her situation made it possible, a good wife to the king, her continued influence over him for so long a time warrants us to infer. There must have been a singular charm in her aspect and manners since she obtained favor in the sight of all that looked upon her.

The book of Esther, one of only two books in the Old Testament bearing the name of the woman around whom the narrative centers, opens in all the oriental splendor of an Arabian Nights tale. Some scholars call it a historical novel; other term it a festal legend.

The setting is Persia, and Esther becomes the first notable woman in the Bible who lived outside Palestine, though she was of a noble Jewish family carried into captivity when Nebuchadnezzar reduced Jerusalem to what Isaiah has called a wilderness of thorns and briars.

Esther is the central figure in what is one of the most controversial books in the Old Testament, because not once does the name of God appear in it.

Left an orphan, she was brought up by her cousin Mordecai, who held an office at Shushan in the palace.

Esther is an example of physical courage. It was a crisis indeed, when all the Jews in the kingdom faced extinction. If Esther went before the king to plead for her people, her life or death depended upon the whim of a king. But Esther had the courage to risk death at the command of the king in the hope of saving her people.

The Key Verse: Esther 4:3

"And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes."

The Jews were filled with horror and fear as they learned of the decree. Their complete annihilation seemed imminent and certain. They were aware of the inflexibility of the laws of the Persians, that once given they could not be recalled. Their case seemed hopeless.

It is little wonder that an almost universal cry of anguish went up from the Jews, that there was weeping and wailing, and bitter cries, even as Mordecai.

Their only source of help was their God who had delivered them from a situation equally hopeless at the Red Sea

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and given them help and protection on many occasions. So they mourned and fasted.

"Sackcloth and ashes." This was a traditional Jewish and Persian method of indicating grief and sorrow. Sackcloth was a coarse texture cloth made out of goat's hair. It was dark in color and was used in making sacks.

Sitting among ashes, or scattering them upon the person, was also a sign of grief and penitence. The fact that "many lay in sackcloth and ashes" is indicative of the tremendous emotional upheaval among the Jews, that their grief was so great as to be almost unbearable. — *Standard Commentary*

The Key Fact: Chickens Come Home To Roost

A young farmer became angered with his neighbor. He went several miles away to get some Johnson grass seed and sowed his neighbor's farm in the dark of the night. It did not take the grass long to damage the farm greatly.

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Being angry with another and seeking revenge upon him is not only wrong; it is stupid. If we were wise, we would cancel all of our plans to get even with those we think have done us wrong.

We would seek to make friends of those who have made us angry, even to the point of turning the other cheek.

Finally, and most important, we would ask God to forgive us for forgetting His words, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

The clever plans of Haman to destroy Mordecai "came home to roost." The crafty, clever trap constructed for Mordecai caught Haman. Evil men have a way of becoming their own worst enemies. — *Broadman Comments*



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LESSON NUMBER THREE

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JOB — A MAN OF FAITH

Job 19:1-25; 42:1-6

BIBLE VERSE



I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. JOB 42:5

The Key Word: Job

The book of Job is a philosophical homily cast in the popular form of a historical drama. The personnel consists of Job, the central figure and hero, his wife, and four "friends." God and Satan both appear in the dialogue, and reports are received from various messengers who bring the tidings of a series of disasters.

Job learned through bitter and painful experience that, even in the depths of his humiliation God had not deserted him. The sufferer also learned that it is possible for one to maintain his integrity and hold to his faith in God, not for the sake of enjoying mere material and temporary welfare, but to gain that higher favor of God's fellowship and love, which are worth more than silver and gold.

Job came face to face with an age-old problem: Why are men born to suffer? The shallow thought of the day responded thus: Men are not to suffer. They suffer only as they sin. Nothing less than experiences like those of Job could demonstrate the fallacy of this view. Out of the crucible that had crushed his favorite convictions there came forth the truth that God has other purposes in permitting suffering than merely punishment for sin.

It is valuable for the development of character and for testing the integrity of the afflicted. In some mysterious way not yet fully understood by the most spiritually minded men, God uses it to make perfect His chosen ones. We may not fathom the depths of divine providence, nor may we scale its heights. But we may rest assured that when the way is dark and we cannot see the light, God knows; and that is better than for us to know. "I'll follow ... and ev'ry hour in perfect peace I'll sing, 'He knows! He knows!'"

The Key Verse: Job 19:25

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

This text is a prophecy and prediction of our Saviour Christ's glorious resurrection. A sacred truth, requiring not only the ascent, but the devotion and adoration of our faith.

Here Job foresees and foretells the resurrection of Christ. He tells us that Christ, who by His death redeemed him, hath again obtained an endless life. That after His fall by death, He is recovered and got up again; stands, and shall stand, at last upon the earth.

And Job prophesies of his own resurrection, that, though he were now in a dying condition, death had already seized upon him; yet he knew there was hope in his death, that he should be raised from the grave of corruption to an everliving and blessed state and condition. Notice Job's assurance. "I know." Not "perhaps," "maybe," or "might," but "I know." It fully expresses the nature of faith; it is strongly persuaded of what it believes; it puts it beyond "ifs" and "ands" and hopeful supposals.

Faith is an evidence, not a conjecture; not a supposition, but a subsistence. Notice his personal application. "My redeemer." He considered Christ his personal Saviour.

The Key Fact: God Soothes Troubled Hearts

The name of those who are bearing burdens that crush strong men's souls is legion. Many of these troubles are hidden from the world. When man beholds a multitude he smiles, and the people are rejoicing. But when Jesus looked upon the throngs of humanity, He wept.

He read the unseen legend of sorrow and suffering in many hearts. He knew the failures, the unattained goals, the handicaps that lie across man's pathway. He knew that complete happiness, contentment, is not attained by human efforts. History is but the record of dissatisfaction. Philosophy, with all its speculations, knows not contentment. Poetry offers very little on this great theme.

God alone can give the true solution to the problem. Whether in prosperity or adversity, trust in God is the great essential.

Thus Jesus taught us, and became our great example. "In the world ye shall have tribulation." But God has prepared greater and better things for those who trust His wisdom and goodness, and who maintain their faith in righteousness even to the end — "be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

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LESSON NUMBER FOUR

August 9, 1959

VICTORIOUS LIVING

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2, 4-6, 8-12, 18-19

BIBLE VERSE



Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

Proverbs 23:17.

The Key Word: Vanity

The theme which the preacher develops in the first portion of Ecclesiastes is "vanity of vanities; all is vanity."

Life is vanity — something that burst suddenly into the world, lives out its brief span, and then as suddenly disappears. Life is vanity—it is something unimportant, inconsequential, making no lasting impression and leaving little or nothing of value.

Life is vanity — it fails to answer some of our most perplexing questions, does not satisfy the deepest longings of the soul, and leaves a sense of disappointment and frustration.

Such thoughts as these are the result of a partial view of life. The partial view is a *this-world view*, in which vision is limited by space, by time, and by understanding.

The viewer sees only a small portion of life at a time rather than its totality: he sees this small portion of life as related only to a small segment of time, days of man's history rather than centuries or ages; he sees this small portion of life related to the small segment of time through the eyes of a finite man rather than the eyes of the infinite God, who alone knows the purpose He has in mind for man.

Life has mountaintop and valley experiences, but mostly it moves along the level roads of everyday existence. It is not all high adventure, for then high adventure would cease to be high adventure and become the ordinary. It is not all sorrow and suffering, for then life would be dark, dreary and hopeless.

Life is often dominated by the tyranny of little things, plagued by the commonplace. Yet the little things of life are often the most precious and the longest remembered. — *Standard Commentary*

July 1959

The Key Verse: Ecclesiastes 5:4

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed."

The vow is a form of prayer. It is a prayer with an obligation. The worshipper wants something and, either that he may get it or that he may show his gratitude, he resolves to do a certain thing.

We are cautioned here not only against rash vows, but against unconsidered and voluminous prayers. Be not rash nor hasty, let thy words be few. Our Saviour cautioned against vain repetitions.

Voluminous prayer is to be guarded against — the utterance of the same request in many forms, as though God should be affected with the variety and quantity of speech!

When we go to God, we should go with some petition which we want granted. We should know what it is; and if we have many petitions, we should have them arranged in proper order, and we should express them simply. There is much prayer without desire; and if God would grant many petitions which are offered up, many a worshipper would be greatly amazed and sadly disappointed.

The Key Fact: There Is Joy In The Commonplace

Someone once wrote: "I praise the Lord for making such wonderful arrangements for me. He made the sun for my day, the moon and stars for my night.

"He made beautiful flowers for me to see and smell. He put the wool on the sheep and cotton in the bolls. He grows corn, wheat, vegetables, and animals for my food.

"He sends showers to quench the thirst of earth, man, and beasts so I can live. He grows the seeds and makes the streams for the birds that furnish my music. He sends the busy bees to gather in my honey from the nectar of the flowers.

"He gives me days in which to work and nights in which to sleep. He gives me scenery and seasons so I won't be bored with living. He gives me the Bible to guide me and His only begotten Son to die for me that I might live forever. Praise His name."

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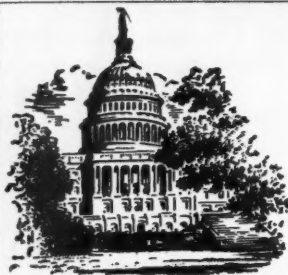
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CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE UNDER FIRE AGAIN

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FOR MANY YEARS the House Committee on Un-American Activities has been a major target of the Communist conspiracy and its vocal, influential allies. With the present new Congress, which took office in January, leaning farther yet to the left-wing, anti-anti-Communist side, the Communist conspiracy has stepped up this attack on the House Un-American Activities Committee.

This Committee's exposure of the Communist conspiracy's activities in the United States has been such a problem to international Communism that attacks have been made on it by Radio Moscow from time to time.

One of these Kremlin attacks was made on November 14, 1952 when a Moscow short wave broadcast to North America said: "The notorious Committee for the investigation of Un-American activities is now carrying on a far-flung witch hunt for so-called subversive elements in Hollywood."

American listeners were then referred to an article in the extreme left-wing *Nation* magazine. On December 16, 1956 Moscow said, "the notorious Un-American Activities Committee has launched another drive on civil rights and liberties in the United States."

This drive of the Communist conspiracy against the House Un-American Activities Committee has been exposed many times on the floor of the House of Representatives.

One such exposure was made twenty years ago, on February 23, 1939, by Representative Robert R. Reynolds of

North Carolina. He quoted from a pamphlet by the Communist Party as follows:

"Twenty-five thousand dollars of your money has already been spent! And, \$150,000 more is being asked. For what? For the work of the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities ...

"It is generally understood," Earl Browder recently wrote to all Congressmen, "that Mr. Dies, in the service of more sinister forces, is exploiting prejudice and ignorance in order to smear with the old red brush all New Deal, labor, progressive and liberal legislation, people and organizations."

This particular line of the Communist conspiracy has been eagerly gulped down by the naive, double-standard liberals through the years. The Communists intensify their attack each time a new Congress goes into session.

James Roosevelt

This year the drive has resulted in a resolution to abolish the Committee on Un-American Activities. The resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative James Roosevelt of California during January.

He urged that the Committee's work be transferred to the Judiciary Committee, under the leadership of Emanuel

Cellar, a long-time fellow traveler and opponent of anti-Communists.

Radio Moscow joined in the present stepped-up attack against the House Un-American Activities Committee in a broadcast of January fifth. The Moscow Communists said:


"... the officials of the notorious U. S. Congressional Un-American Activities Committee lost what reason they had left and have become an object of ridicule of the entire world ... the Committee members hate everything progressive and nurture a practically bestial hatred of the Soviet Union ..."

Among those exposing the current Communist drive against the House Un-American Activities Committee was our friend, Representative Wint Smith of the Kansas Sixth District. He said:

"The opening of this Congress brought forth, as usual, the tirade, condemnation and antagonism against the Committee on Un-American Activities in the House.

"This is the Committee that, for the past twelve years, has waged a relentless war against the Communists of America. This Committee always gets all the brickbats thrown at it by the ADA (Americans For Democratic Action) — Communist front organizations, and other international left-wing groups and many other organizations that should know better.


"These groups seem to believe ... that with all the new liberal members elected ... they have a better chance to abolish the Un-American Activities Committee."



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Modernist Preachers

Among the sponsors of this ad, who were pushing the Communist drive against the House Un-American Activities Committee, were prominent preachers from modernist churches, such as:

Dr. John C. Bennett
Dr. Eugene Carson Blake
Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr
Dr. John A. MacKay, and others.

Naturally, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was among those listed in support of this foolish and suicidal advertisement.

We hear that Republican members of the House of Representatives have held a meeting in which they agreed unanimously to oppose the infamous resolution introduced by young James Roosevelt.

Now, what about the Democratic Party? They are also an American political group. There should be a similar declaration by them against this resolution which promotes the Moscow war against our House Un-American Activities Committee.

A Democrat, Francis Walter of Pennsylvania, is Chairman of the Committee. Why don't the Democrats come to his aid and oppose this Communist-inspired drive against him and his Committee?

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A Communist Conspiracy

The Communist conspiracy drive against the House Un-American Activities Committee is merely one prong of a vast international Communist conspiracy war to put you, your children, me and my family, and all Americans into the chains and slavery of godless Communism.

As usual, the Communists have a multitude of sympathizers, fellow-travelers and dupes, demanding the scalps of the Communist conspiracy's enemies.

Any American sitting in Congress should gladly oppose a Communist drive against this important anti-Communist Committee. If your Representative refused to stand for America on this issue — demand to know why.

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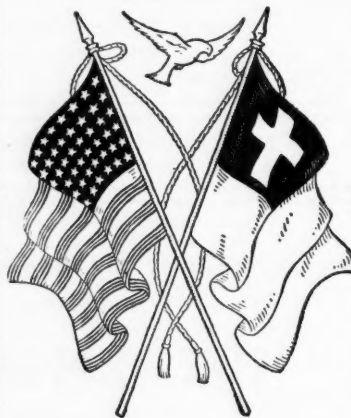
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The history of liberty is a history of limitations of government power, not the increase of it.

—Woodrow Wilson.

There are three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who have no idea what has happened.

The beauty of a Democracy is that you never can tell when a youngster is born what he is going to do with you, and that, no matter how humble he is born he has got a chance to master the minds and lead the imaginations of the whole country.

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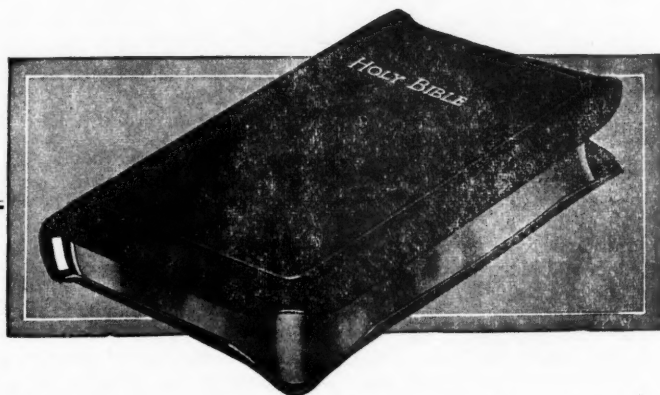
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IN CALIFORNIA, we are attempting to solve the "mental health" problem by means of the Short-Doyle bill (see June, 1959 *Defender*, page 18), which has now become the Mental Health Act.

We are sure that all Christian people are in favor of the state doing all it can to alleviate suffering, but sometimes there are ulterior motives behind apparently good movements.

If the Mental Health Act is solely for the alleviation of mental suffering, we should do all we can to make it work. If it is a political instrument to promote a program alien to the Christian way of life, we have a right to question it, and its mode of operation.

We have read of a man being committed to a mental institution because of his public utterances against the United Nations. The examining psychiatrist testified that this man did not come to the conclusions arrived at by the majority of the community.

Then the man's attorney asked the psychiatrist, "Do you believe that to hold a belief that there are subversive groups working against our government is a sign of mental illness?"

The psychiatrist answered, "Any such belief not substantiated by fact is a delusion."

If a person can be "put away" for such a flimsy reason, then the Mental Health Act may become a serious menace.

The idea of mental health clinics seems to stem from the World Federation of Mental Health which was formed at a London Conference in 1948. It was headed by a psychiatrist named Dr. Brock Chisholm.

At the London conference, it was stated, "Principles of mental health cannot be successfully furthered in any society unless there is progressive acceptance of the concept of world citizenship. World citizenship can be widely extend-

ed among all peoples through the applications of the principles of mental health."

This would indicate that the mental health project and world citizenship are definitely linked together.

Religious Differences

There is real danger of this instrument being used, for example, to get rid of a minister of a church who strongly opposes the modernistic ideas of the National Council of Churches, or of parents who teach their children something different from that which is the common belief of the community.

But, you may ask, how are the authorities in charge of operating this program going to get their information regarding people needing treatment.

Part of the answer, at least, may be found in a statement of the Chief of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, who was quoted in the Los Angeles Times as saying, "Social workers are probably best able to determine whether a parent is qualified to raise his child."

Not only social workers can be used, but teachers in our public schools. Here are a few of the questions, or problems, given teachers to present to their pupils who are requested to mark their particular problem.

1. Wanting things my parents cannot give.
2. Sometimes ashamed of my family.
3. My allowance is too small.
4. A barrier between myself and my parents.
5. My parents don't respect my opinions.

Another set of questions prepared for pupils is as follows:

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What Causes Mental Illness?

What is really the cause of "mental illness," and where should we look for relief?

Perhaps the best way to begin search for the answer is to follow the first psychiatrist, and note particularly the people he approached, and the influence he exerted upon them.

The psychiatrist we refer to has several names, but the way in which he operates is more important than his name.

He came to two persons who were very happily married and were enjoying life to the full. Indeed, they were perfect physically, mentally, morally and spiritually.

This psychiatrist didn't suggest, as some modern psychiatrists do, that God is not at all to be considered. He recognized God, but suggested that God didn't give them a fair deal; that their freedom was restricted; that they should shake themselves loose from God's control, and they would experience a freedom and happiness that they had not yet known.

Adam and Eve listened to the serpent and lost! Fear took the place of the peace of mind that they previously possessed. The serpent left them with twisted minds and a rebellious spirit. With what result?

With the result that this evil heritage was handed down to generation after generation until things became so bad that God's judgment had to fall.

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on earth. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth."

And God did destroy, save one family who He spared. For that family, and their successors upon the earth, God provided a Saviour, mighty to save to the uttermost.

A picture of what the Saviour could do was presented to Jeremiah when he went down into the potter's house.

"I went down," says Jeremiah, "to the potter's house and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hands of the potter, so he made it again as seemed good to the potter to make it."

Jesus Himself describes the program that He would carry out for the uplift of fallen man in a quotation from the prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

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The gospel tells how that program was put into operation. Let us cite one instance:

"When he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man who had devils a long time, and wore no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs."

Here was a man who was hopelessly insane, but Jesus, the Master Potter, restored that marred vessel of clay.

The story of his healing was soon on every tongue in the town, and a group of people started out to track down this story — "and they came to Jesus, and found the man sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind."

Now, why do modern health clinics banish Jesus Christ from their plans, and reject His counsel which is written so plainly in the Bible?

Don't they know that the marred clay cannot re-make itself? Are they not aware that even psychiatrists, however well-trained, belong to the "marred clay?"

The Bible is given first, that people may have an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and be made whole; and second, that they may learn God's thoughts, and begin to think God's thoughts after Him.

That's what Isaiah meant when he wrote: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Outlaw the Bible?

Paul summed up the matter by saying, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." But how can men know the mind of Christ if the Bible is outlawed?

A chaplain visiting a prisoner was asked by this troubled man if there wasn't a way by which his brain could be taken out and washed for "it seethes with evil thoughts and evil intentions."

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The chaplain handed him a Bible and said, "Try that." Some weeks later the chaplain found this man, like the one in the Gospel story, "clothed and in his right mind."

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